

AGENDA ITEMS OF THE TAMIL NADU BIODIVERSITY BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON 29.10.2012

S. No.	Agenda item	Brief note																
1	Follow up action taken on Board Meeting held on 14.10.2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A sub-committee was constituted to frame norms for identifying areas of Biodiversity heritage sites in Tamil Nadu and to prepare Tamil Nadu rules for State Biodiversity BoardThe first Sub-Committee Meeting under the Chairmanship of Thiru R.Sundararaju, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden was held on 28.2.2009Tamil Nadu Rules for State Biodiversity Board have been prepared and sent to Government in Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF) Ref.No.WL4/8702/2004 dated for approval.It was decided to include the important "Sacred Groves" which are rich in biodiversity, as heritage sites. The list is in the process of finalization.The District Collectors of 31 Districts in Tamil Nadu were addressed for the formation of BMCs in their respective Districts through the Secretary , Environment & Forests Government of Tamil NaduThe Sub-Committee finalized the formation of 10 BMCs in areas rich in Biodiversity.4 Biodiversity Management Committees in Ramnad is formed. Rs. 32.25 lakhs has been requested in Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board Letter to release fund from National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai.																
2	Allotment of land for construction of Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board office at Chemmenchery village, Sholinganallur Taluk, Chennai	One hectare of land in S.No.574/10 for National Biodiversity Authority and 1.12.5 ha of land in S.No.574/7 for Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board in Chemmenchery village , Sholinganallur Taluk is in process of allotment for construction of office.																
3	Staff pattern of Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board	<p>As per G.O.44, Environment & Forests (FR 5) department, dated 14.5.2009, the following staff have been sanctioned</p> <table><tr><td>Administrative Officer</td><td>- 1</td></tr><tr><td>Superintendent</td><td>- 1</td></tr><tr><td>Console Operator</td><td>- 1</td></tr><tr><td>Assistant</td><td>- 3</td></tr><tr><td>Office Assistant</td><td>- 2</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>-----</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>-----</td></tr></table> <p>The above 8 posts have been sanctioned for the Board with instructions to fill up the staff from surplus staff existing in the Forest Department. Among them, one post of Console Operator has been filled up from Forest Department on deputation. Now, Government in G.O.187, Environment & Forests (FR 5) Department dated 27.7.2012 have permitted Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden to employ retired officials. Act ion is being taken to fill up the posts Two retired Office Assistants have been appointed on contract basis. The post of Personal Assistant and Superintendent are in process for appointment.</p>	Administrative Officer	- 1	Superintendent	- 1	Console Operator	- 1	Assistant	- 3	Office Assistant	- 2		-----		8		-----
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4	Creation of State Biodiversity Fund and hold Biodiversity Fund	A corpus fund of Rs.5.00 lakhs has been deposited in Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board account sanctioned by National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden is operating the account. Government have been addressed to change the account in the name of Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board as per the Act.																
5	Constitution of Biodiversity Management Committee	<p>The first Biodiversity Management Committee has been formed in Vadamadurai block of Dindigul District by Prof.Natarajan, Member, TNBB in the month of February, 2011,</p> <p>Dr.Arivudai Nambi, Principal Scientist, M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation has been nominated to form 5 Biodiversity Management Committees at block level. A project for Rs.2,50,000/- and Rs.1,00,000/- was already released to M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation.</p> <p>Action is being pursued to form Biodiversity Management Committees in the following Districts by the following Scientists.</p> <table><tr><td>1.</td><td>Dr.V.Arivudai Nambi, M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai</td><td>:</td><td>5 Biodiversity Management Committee's in Ramanathapuram, Namakkal, Thanjavur, Pudukottai and Dindigul Districts</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Prof. R. Natarajan, Member, Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board</td><td>:</td><td>Out of 5 BMCs, one at Kolli hills (Namakkal) has been formed</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Prof.Narasimhan, Madras Christian College, Chennai</td><td>:</td><td>Dindigul, Salem and Theni Districts</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>:</td><td>Villupuram and Cuddalore Districts</td></tr></table>	1.	Dr.V.Arivudai Nambi, M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai	:	5 Biodiversity Management Committee's in Ramanathapuram, Namakkal, Thanjavur, Pudukottai and Dindigul Districts	2	Prof. R. Natarajan, Member, Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board	:	Out of 5 BMCs, one at Kolli hills (Namakkal) has been formed	3	Prof.Narasimhan, Madras Christian College, Chennai	:	Dindigul, Salem and Theni Districts			:	Villupuram and Cuddalore Districts
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6	Establishment of People's Biodiversity Register	After the formation of Biodiversity Management Committees, the People's Biodiversity Register will be prepared.																
7	Framing of Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Rules	Presently, Tamil Nadu Rules for State Biodiversity Board has been prepared and submitted to Government for approval vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden Ref.No.WL4/8702/2004																
8	Granting of permission for access to bio-resources under section 31 of Biological Diversity Act 2002	Annexure enclosed																
9	Draft guidelines for Biodiversity Management Committee prepared by BMC Task Force	Annexure enclosed.																
9	Any additional subject with permission of chair																	

Note on Agenda Item 5 : Biodiversity Management Committees

The first Biodiversity Management Committee has been formed in Vadamadurai block of Dindigul District by Prof.Natarajan, Member, TNBB in the month of February, 2011.

Dr.V.Arivudai Nambi, Principal Scientist, M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai has submitted a proposal on "Building capacities of PRIs for formation of Biodiversity Management Committees under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002" for establishing 5 Biodiversity Management Committee in 5 locations (Kolli hills, 2. Pudukkottai, 3. Dindigul, 4. Tanjavur 5. Ramnad) in Tamil Nadu that are fitted into the classical Tamil Landscape framework – Kuriniji, Mullai, Marutham and Neythal. Each of chosen sites are rich in forests resources and genetic resources, animal and livestock genetic resource, seaweed and fishery resources reflecting a range of ecologist and livelihood in which people live and operate. Prepare PR in consult //ation with the local people. (Dr.V.Arivudai Nambi, Principal Scientist, M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai letter dated 26.3.2010). The proposal has been recommended to National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai for formation of 5 Biodiversity Management Committees with a grant of Rs.2,50,000/- (Rs.50000/- per each BMC). The preparation of People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) may be taken up separately by the Biodiversity Management Committees themselves from their own resources. (Ref.No.WL4/17842/2010 dated 8.12.2010)

2. National Biodiversity Authority has stated that they are not in a position to give any additional grant over and above Rs.50,000/- per each Biodiversity Management Committee in its formation and for completion of first phase of PBR. (National Biodiversity Authority letter no,9/49/2005-Tech/2722 dated 15.12.2010.

3. The above fact has been informed to Dr.V.Arivudai Nambi, Principal Scientist, M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai and request form the Biodiversity Management Committee in each location and to complete 1st phase of PBR (ie., initiation of PBR by collecting basic data which can be filled by a Biodiversity Management Committee (Ref.No.WL4/17842/2010 date 7.1.2011)

4. National Biodiversity Authority has stated that each Biodiversity Management Committee will be given a one time grant of rs.50,000 for establishment of Biodiversity Management Committee, opening of Bank Account in authorized Bank and completion of first phase of People's Biodiversity Register, capacity building like trainging and monitoring records of Biodiversity Management Committee. based on the proposal submitted by him for establishment of 5 bmcs in Tamil Nadu and an amount of Rs.1.00 lakh was given on 31.1.2011 as 1st instalment for implementing the project and complete 1st phase of PBR.

A Tamil version of PBR for the English version published by National Biodiversity Authority was prepared by Dr.Arivudai Nambi, Principal Scientist, MSSRF, Chennai and regarding the activities carried out by him, report is yet to be received

Detailed report about the name of the activities so far completed and amount spent thereon (WL4/17842/2010 dated 30.4.2012 & reminded in D.O. in letter no.WL4/17842/2010 dated 16.7.2012)

4 Biodiversity Management Committees in Ramnad is formed. Rs. 32.25 lakhs has been requested in Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board Letter to release fund from National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai.

Brief Note on Agenda item 6 : People's Biodiversity Register

The following are the important points emerged from the discussion that are recorded in the minutes of the meeting of TNBB held on 28-29, April 2008 at Ooty.

With regard to the establishment of People's Biodiversity Register the simplified model PBR used by West Bengal, Karnataka and Kerala State Biodiversity Boards have to be followed as model.

Since the Biodiversity Management Committee does not have experience on the preparation of PBR the West Bengal system of hiring Universities and research organization should be used in other States.

State Biodiversity Boards such as Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have used local NGO's who have previous experience on biodiversity aspects for the preparation of PBR and so far eight PBR's have been released.

The simplified methodology already prepared by the National Biodiversity Authority has to be sent to all State Biodiversity Boards for comments and those State Biodiversity Boards who have prepared the PBRs should be sent to National Biodiversity Authority for incorporation left out points.

Brief note on Agenda item 7 Framing of Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Rules :

Framing of Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Rules

1. The Draft rules has been prepared and sent to Government for approval on 31.12.08 in File No.WL4/8702/2004
2. The revised draft rule has been sent on 30.3.2009
3. Draft reply sent on certain issues raised by Government on 22.12.10
4. Modified draft rules sent on 19.5.2011
5. Now the draft rule is revised and sent for approval of Government in Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden Ref.No.WL48702/2004

BRIEF NOTE ON GRANTING PERMISSION FOR ACCESS TO BIO-RESOURCES UNDER SECTION 31 OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ACT 2002 (AGENDA 8)

FILE	SUBJECT	Form Type	Year	Biological resource
1	Prior intimation from TNAU - Form I	Form I	2011	Folk Plants Taxonomic classification
2	M/s. ITC, Kolkata - Form I	Form I	2011	<i>Eucalyptus</i>
3	Dr. Cecile Berthouly Salazar, South Africa - Form I	Form I	2011	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i> (4-5 feathers of 40 birds sample)
4	Dr. Colin Lazarus, U.K. - Form I	Form I	2011	Phyllosticta genus of endophytic fungi
5	Ms. Vandana Krishnamoorthy, Keystone Foundation, Kotagiri	Form I	2011	<i>Cycas circinalis</i>
6	Ms. Vandana Krishnamoorthy, M/s. Keystone Foundation, Kotagiri	Form I	2011	Endemic cycas species
7	Dr. M. Paramathama, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore	Form II	2011	<i>Rhizobium</i> , <i>Azospirillum</i>
8	Prior intimation from TNAU - Form II	Form II	2011	<i>Rhizobium</i>
9	E.I.D Parry Nutraceuticals - prior intimation	Form II	2011	<i>Thalassiosira weissflogii</i> , <i>Pavlova</i> sp
10	Dr. Shareeta Talha, Palavakkam, Chennai 41 - IPR	Form III	2011	<i>Lepidium sativum</i> Linn
11	Dr. N. Vasudevan, Prof. Anna University	Form III	2011	<i>Ochrobactrum</i> sp.
12	Dr. L. John Kennedy, Pattabiram, Chennai 72	Form III	2011	Acanthaceae Plant
13	Dr. T. Srinivasan, Chennai 6 - IPR	Form III	2011	<i>Pavlova</i> sp obtained from culture collection of Algae and Protozoa
14	Dr. M. J. Nanjan, Director, Nilgiris - Form III	Form III	2011	<i>Caesalpinia digyna</i>
15	M/s. CavinKare Pvt. Ltd., Cavinville, 12, Cenotaph Road, Chennai 600 018	Form III	2011	<i>Origanum vulgare</i> Linn. (Aerial parts)
16	Dr. S. Antony Fernando, Professor (Retd) Annamalai University Parangipettai	Form III	2011	<i>Philippella</i> (Sea fan gorgonium)
17	M/s. CavinKare Pvt. Ltd., Cavinville, 12, Cenotaph Road, Chennai 600 018	Form III	2011	<i>Origanum vulgare</i> Linn (Aerial parts)
18	M/s. CavinKare Pvt. Ltd., Cavinville, 12, Cenotaph Road, Chennai 600 018	Form III	2011	Seed kernels and Skin of <i>Mangifera indica</i>
19	Dr. J. M. Sasikumar, Associate professor and Head, Dept. Biotechnology, Coimbatore	Form III	2011	<i>Rhaphidophora pertusa</i>
20	Dr. T. S. Suryanarayanan, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith, Myslapore	Form IV	2011	Fungal cultures - 1. <i>Bartalinia robillardoides</i> 2. <i>Chaetomium indicum</i> and 3. <i>Pestalotiopsis besseyi</i>
21	Dr. Priya Davidar, Professor, Pondicherry University	Form IV	2011	<i>Solanum insanum</i> and <i>S. incanum</i>
22	Dr. T. S. Suryanarayanan, Ramakrishna Mission, Myslapore, Chennai 4	Form IV	2011	1. <i>Bartalinia robillardoides</i> 2. <i>Chaetomium indicum</i> 3. <i>Pestalotiopsis besseyi</i>
23	Shri Kien Jeffrey Mackenzie, 1636, Agnew Ave, Victoria BC, Canada, University of	FORM I	2012	Samples to be left in India with the IISC Herbarium
24	Thiru M.K. Janarthanan, Ph.D., Professor, Goa University, Goa	FORM I	2012	<i>Pseudoglochidion anamalayanum</i> (<i>Phyllanthus anamalayanum</i>)
25	M/s. CavinKare Pvt. Ltd., Cavinville, 12, Cenotaph Road, Chennai 600 018	FORM III	2012	<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i> & <i>Artocarpus arilis</i>
26	Dr. John Kennedy, Pattabiram, Chennai	FORM III	2012	Acanthaceae plant

FORM I - Access of Bioresearchers for Research / Commercial purpose

FORM II - Transfer of Research Results

FORM III - Intellectual Property Rights

FORM IV - Third party transfer